

CITY of
SPRINGFIELD



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May 29, 1981

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Certified Mail

Mrs. Irene M. Busch
1133 East Stanford Street
Springfield, Missouri 65807

VIOLATION WAS ABATED

ON MAY 28, 1981

J.R.L. & S.D.S.

RE: Official Notice of Sanitary Violation

Dear Mrs. Busch:

On May 26, 1981, this office received a call from Bowman and Drussa Plumbing Company in regard to a broken private sewer line which was surfacing in the back yard of Mrs. Lena Norman at 1110 East Kingsbury. Mrs. Norman provided information that the private sewer line serving 1116 East Kingsbury crossed her property near the location of the surfacing sewage problem.

Dr. and Mrs. George Heinz of 1116 East Kingsbury had been informed that their private sewer line crossed Mrs. Norman's property and had acquired the services of Bowman and Drussa Plumbing Company to investigate the problem. Bowman and Drussa found the private sewer line serving 1116 East Kingsbury to be clear but the Heinz's requested that the plumber excavate to see if there was a break in their line and, if so, repair it. After Bowman and Drussa excavated down to the broken sewer line, they found it to be almost totally obstructed. This then led the plumber to believe that the broken line was not the one serving 1116 E. Kingsbury as it was unobstructed all the way to the City sanitary sewer. At this point they contacted this office to check other homes in the neighborhood to find a possible source of the problem.

Representatives of this office checked several other homes in the area by introducing various colors of dye into their bathroom facilities. After the City personnel introduced a red dye into your bathroom facilities at 1133 E. Stanford, it appeared instantaneously into the excavation via the broken sewer line in the back yard at 1110 E. Kingsbury. This then proved that your private sewer line was apparently the source of the problem.

Mr. Gene Pabst and myself contacted your residence immediately and tried to convey the extent and severity of the problem. We were informed your household did not understand how this affected you as you were not experiencing

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any plumbing problems. Again, we tried to convey to you that your plumbing was apparently broken and surfacing in Mrs. Norman's yard at 1110 East Kingsbury and, again, we got no positive response.

At this point we decided to contact you in writing by giving you official notice that you are in violation of Springfield City Ordinance, Chapter 30, Section 30-4, Deposit of Objectionable Waste on Public or Private Property Prohibited, which states: "It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in an unsanitary manner upon public or private property within the City or in any area under the jurisdiction of the City any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste."

The City of Springfield is hereby requesting that you abate this violation by having your private sewer line repaired within ten (10) days or the matter will be referred to the City Health Department and City Law Department for possible litigation.

We would emphasize to you the extreme environmental health problems which may exist and the legal ramifications associated with it as long as this violation is permitted to continue. If you or a plumbing contractor you may have retained have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 864-1924, and all findings or information relating to this matter will be available.

Very truly yours,

David G. Snider, Director of Public Works

By J. Randall Lyman
Water Pollution Control Inspector III

Surveillance and Enforcement

JRL/acs

cc: Robert Schaefer
Supt. of Sanitary Services

Harold Bengsch, Supt of Health
and Environmental Hygiene

Howard Wright, City Attorney

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AVENUE



